FOREIGN GOSSIP.

at Moscow are valued at \$12,000,000. Artist watched the picturesque groups er recently played forty games in Ber-lin simultaneously blindfolded, and won what effects, tones, values and keys of

lin streets, the police ordinances decid- brown costume of the lay brothers, ing that the machine is a velocipede, forming vivid contrasts to the more and so is prohibited.

-Reindeer are to be acclimatized in the higher regions of the Bohemian active life going on round about him Mountains, where the climate is believed to be favorable to the experi- them suddenly fall on their knees

-The Turcoman horse, though not fleet, has wonderful staying powers, and will, with his loose canter, cover a hundred miles a day for ten days. -Athens will be the next capital to

hold an International Exhibition. A patriotic Greek has lately bequeathed the necessary funds, and the display will take place in 1887.

torpedo, worked by a steam engine in come and live with us a month or two, the fort at Sheerness, the torpedo ran and a long way up the harbor, following life." This proposition was eagerand dodging a pinnace with remarkable ly responded to on the part of

guilty of immorality he is put up to his ly gave her a reassuring smile, and waist in the sand and stoned to death. proceeded to give her husband a list If he steals his hand is cut off. Sing- of the rules laid down for the guid ing and lascivious dancing, such as ance of his household. No conversaused to be carried on in Khartoum, are tion permitted under any circumput a stop to. Every man must pray stances, except by special permisfive times a day.

nance was burned down during the tire abstinence from meat, fish, eggs, Commune in 1871, all the official land or butter; a very spare quantity of register books fell a prey to the flames. The loss has just, to a certain extent, allowed. The brothers were combeen repaired by the completion of a pelled to rise at 2 a.m. for prayer fresh surve, of France, which shows and meditation. Here the worthy that the superficial areo of the country father was interrupted by the Artist is 52,153,203 hectares.

-By a measure presented to the Uruguay Legislature it is proposed that newspapers be prohibited from publishing any details with respect to suicides. For breaking this law the owner of the paper will be required for the first offense to pay a penalty of \$250: and for the second offense \$500, or, in default of the payment of the fines, one month and four months' imprisonment.

-A grand piano, just presented to the Princess Beatrice, is a unique affair. It is in a black case, ornamented with gold. The sustaining pedal enables the player to prolong the sound of one or more of the notes, on the organ principle. The piano has so elastic a most subdued whisper to the greatest he took off the ordinary wooden pistol- paper under which stamps of high defortissimo passage, can be accomplished butt and put in a longerone, more like nomination could be printed. To have around. It is a curse to the man or

one of the good results of a successful dwarf gun, as the boy could easily criminal prosecution. quack pill. The great Holloway not fire it from his shoulder. This, of The paper is wound into rolls about dreams of avarice, but his name will as it could be held much steadier. It be carried down to posterity as the held six cartridges, and could, therefounder of one of the most magnificent | fore, be fired six times without reloadsanitariums in the world. It took ing. As so wonderful a gun in so twelve years to build this palace, and young a person's possession was nobody dares to calculate how many never before known among these boxes of pills to pay for it. The sani- simple people, Koomanah was greatly tail m was recently opened with im- elevated in their estimation, and felt posing ceremonies in which the Prince very proud and elated over his fine of Wales took part. It has a capacity weapon.
of 250 patients, and its founder not When we left our morning's camp only paid for it by the manufacture and for our day's journey, the two boys sale of pills alone, but also by that would walk along, with but little to means made himself one of the richest | do; but if reindeer were seen grazing men in the world.

A TRAPPIST MONASTERY. The Severe Restrictions Placed Upon Mem-

The building is situated on an eminence that commands the whole of the track, then the sledges kept on their beautiful lake and the mountains from way, some man taking the foremost which it derives its name. The mon-sledge, and the boys easily driving the astery itself is a large square building, dogs. In case the party halted, the solidly built of wood on a stone foundation, built at the expense of the Dominion Government, which also gives an swing his body from a perpendicular annual grant to help support the in- nearly to the ground, they knew a stitution. This order has only been reindeer had been killed, and that two established in Canada about two years. They were driven out of France during the late political troubles there, them over to the hunter, who would and forbidden ever to return. They fasten their traces around the reindeer's being thus cast upon the world, natur- horns, and drag it to the sledge. Ocally sought protection in the Province casionally the two boys would try a of Quebec, that great stronghold of reindeer hunt on their own hook, and Romanism. It is pretty generally although they were seldom successful, known that these monks are the most not daring to frighten the deer from rigorous of any order. They are also of the men, who were better hunters, yet very ancient origin: they were founded once in a while they were rewarded, in the sixth century by the Abbot of La and then their eyes would fairly glisten

year 1150, again in 1600. The driver, who performed the office of guide and interpreter, soon made the attendant in charge understand that the lady and gentleman wished to inspect the institution. He was answered by a very low bow, speech being strictly forbidden unless by per-

harvest, for they do all their own ing force, and not at the close of the work, both out-door and in, day's exactions .- Live Stock Journal.

making their even to own clothes. No female element is al-The crown jewels in the Cathedral lowed to enter their lives. As the -Zuckertort, the famous chess play- of men performing their silent labor, color were evolved in his mind, as he -1 ricycles are forbidden in the Ber- noted the sun strike on the rich golden sombre hue of those in full orders! And how strange it seemed, all this without a sound being uttered, to see while the father whose duty it was would perform the office. For every thing is done by rule, and whatever the occupation, it must be suspended when the bell sounds for these religious exercises. Everything was so automaton like that it almost appeared like enchantment. Father Alban, the Superior, at length rallied our absorbed friend, by asking him if he would not like to join their order. "Yes, if you -In the recent practice in the Med- will take me in the capacity of special way (England) with the new Brennan artist," he laughingly replied. "Well, see how you like our the Artist, but met with indignant The tenets of the Mahdi's religion glances from his wife. The worthy are very strict. If a married man is father, who was a bit of a wag, quietsion of the father, and then as few -When the French Ministry of Fi- words as possible must be used. Enexclaiming very emphatically. "No, thanks: I won't join." His enthusiasm had been visibly dying out during the father's recital, and the final clause provoked downright rebellion. But they compromised by the Artist, willingly promised to place himself and the brotherhood at his disposal. Agnes Fraser Sandham, in Harper's Magazine.

ESOUIMAU BOY HUNTERS.

How the Youngsters Hunt the Reindee in the Arctic Regions. Colonel Gilder, of our party, was very kind to little Koomanah, and betouch that all the gradations, from the coming tired of carrying his revolver, -A sanitarium costing \$1,500,000 is walnut. He let Koomanah use this one's possession will subject one to a who buys it and to those who make

on the distant hills, Ahwanak and Koomanah would take charge of two of the sledges, while the men seized their guns and tried to kill some of the deer. If the reindeer were directly in our path, the dogs and sledges halted, and the two boys had only to stand guard; but if they were off our boys would watch the hunters, and if they saw one come to the top of a ridge, and, with one arm extended, or three of the dogs were needed to drag off the body. Then they would unhitch these from the team and take Trappe; they were reformed in the with joy and pride. - Lieu'cuant Frederick Schwatka, in St. Nicholas.

HORSES.

Excessive Fatigue Likely to Result A fresh horse, fed up and well rested, is like a steel spring with its temper at mission of the Father Superior of the its best; while an over-exerted horse. monastery. However, he went to com- with muscles flacid, and nervous sysmunicate with that gentleman, who tem overdone, may be compared to a soon came forward and urbanely wel- spring that has been held in a strong comed his guests in good English with heat until its elasticity and power of a French accent. He was a man about resistance is gone. In the condition six feet in height, of good build. He tirst referred to, the horse can undergo was rather prepossessing in appear- severe exertion without danger of the ance, and when he spoke, his face was giving way of parts that are subjected particularly attractive, owing to a to strain, while severe strain put upon very genial expression and somewhat tired muscles and ligaments may be humorous twinkle in his eye. His likened to severe strain put upon a steel head was cleanly shaved. all but a spring deprived of its temper. The lat-short, close fringe of hair about an ter will 'let down," and having lost inch long all the way round. He was its power to rebound, in this particular dressed in a long robe of cream-colored may be likened to the horse overserge that reached down to his ankles, strained in his tendons, muscles and displaying low.cut shoes, and stock- ligaments, from which arises that conings of the same color as his robe, dition known as "letting down," or a Over this robe he wore another gar- "break down" of the tendons and ligment, a sort of overdress without aments to such a degree as to permit sleeves, composed of black material of the fetlock to rest upon the ground. a finer grade than the serge. This This giving way in a race is not expectlatter had a sort of cowl or hood at- ed to occur early in the contest; as then all the flexible parts are strong and sup-He was very polite to the visitors, and informed them that while he would able fatigue is experienced, the parts be delighted to show the gentleman have a liberal store of vital vigor, all over the establishment, it was ample in fact to shield the parts from strictly against all usage to allow a harm. Late in a race, however, the lady the same privilege. Personally, exactions having been about up to the he was entirely at madame's service; limit of the horse's power, one leg. by but-with a true Parisian shrug of the reason of peculiarity of formation, shoulders-madame knows we must previous weakening, or through makobey orders. So madame was fain to ing a misstep, may yield up its integs.t in the reception-room, while her rity and give way in the parts where husband explored the monastery, and either or all of these influences have learned the mariners and customs of been operative. The horse, when its inmates; but the lady did not keep fatigued, and still kept at his work a solitary vigil, as a handsome young whether this be hauling a load, road or lay brother did his best to entertain track work—should be carefully out a word, rearranged all the boxes, her, although I am sadly afraid he watched as to his footing; for, if under transgressed the rules by talking so a state of tire and relaxation, a sudden much. But, shades of good St. An-thony, was there not a woman in this cumstances, a strain is liable to occur. case? The Artist returned to his wife ecstatic. Such pictures as he had seen! Oh, if one could always live with these Trappists there would be no lack these Trappists there would be no lack slipping backward, or the legs spreading and the series of the slipping backward. of subjects. After going through the ing apart. In fact, a tired condition dormitories and other portions of the opens the way for a strain in almost building, he had gone out into the any location; and care should be obtields and watched the brothers at their served to give the horse his hard work work of reaping and gathering in the only when full of vigor and rebound-

STAMP PAPER.

How It Is Made Under the Eye of Federal The work of manufacturing 450,000 pounds of paper for internal revenue stamps for one year, in accordance with the contract just obtained from the Government, is in progress at the paper mill of Alexander Balfour, at Richmond and Tioga streets. This is the first time that such work has been attempted in this city, and every effort has been made to give satisfaction. After the mill had been in operation for a short time it was found that the paper was being rolled off in a satisfactory manner and the work of preparing it for shipment began. The paper used does not differ in quality from ordinary fine paper. It is made from rag pulp, chiefly of cotton stock, with a sufficient portion of linen stock to give proper strength, clay or any other adulterations being excluded. Entire freedom from thread knots, grit or other foreign substances is required, and the paper is calendered sufficiently mit of wetting down for plate printing and of subsequently writing freely upon it with pen and ink. With all these conditions it is required that the paper shall possess no greater strength than will insure its printing and necessary handling. The quality of the paper is, therefore, necessarily of a high order. That which, apart from the familiar light-green tint of revenue stamps, distinguishes this paper from all other paper material is the letters U. S. I. R. water-marked upon it se thickly that every square inch must bread, vegetables, and milk only being contain some portion of this sign. This marking is done by means of a "dandy roller," which is placed among the series of rollers through which the paper is passed on its road from the pulp tub to the receiving rollers. The paper passes over this roller while in a wet, pulpy condition, and the impression of the letters is then made. This roller is furnished by the Government, and was sent on under charge of a asking permission to come out the watchman. It is never out of sight next day, fully equipped, with sketching appliances, and the genial father returned to Washington as soon as the contract is completed. The whole operation is under the supervision of the Government officials, who keep an eve its water-marking, which makes it revenue paper, until the perfected sheets are packed and shipped, and the waste pieces are returned to the pulp. | t.cle. No one is admitted except under their care. This precaution is taken to prevent the Government from being defrauded through engravers securing a gun-stock, and roughly made of even a small piece of this paper in woman who makes it, to the consumer

only left his children rich beyond the course, increased its accuracy of aim, four feet long and weighing 300 bogus butter swindle. Not that bogus pounds. After being trimmed and cut | butters would sell to any great extent 12x14 inches it is handed over to the ters. But they are offered to the pub-

counters. J. H. Lichliter, of the Internal Revenue Department, represents the Government, and has twenty-two ladies to to that which he has no diffimen employed as laborers and watchmen. These all receive \$3 per day, bearing their expenses themselves. The ladies who were selected for this special work, are from Washington and Baltimore, and are quartered under the charge of Mr. Lich'iter, in private houses and near the mill. The sheets are first counted by the employes of the mill, and are then passed to the examiners, who carefully inspect each sheet, rejecting all containing any blemish. The Govsheets, arranging them in bundles of 1,000 sheets, each girl attaching a tag, with her name. On reaching Washington the paper will be again counted, and the counter held responsible for any error. The completed bundles are placed by the millemployes in shipping cases, holding about 400 pounds each, when the Government officials seal the cases and receipt for the paper. It is then out of the hands of the manufacturer, and the officials see to its safe shipment to Washington, where it will be printed in the Bureau of Engraving and Print- There has been such an everlasting ing. A package of 1,000 sheets weighs about twelve pounds, and each counter last few years, and such an andacious will count and arrange fifteen packages daily.

Mr. Balfour has contracted to complete the order in two months. To have concluded that there is no use to you." manufacture the paper requires one try. Now, it is admitted that the avmachine, or one-half the capacity of erage creamery butter is superior to his mill, which turns out 10,000 pounds | the average dairy outter, but it is not a day. The contract for this paper has been given to the Fairchild Paper that the best of creamery butter is su-Company, of Boston, for seven years perior or equal to the best dairy butter, past, but this year there was a tie in and there is no valid reason whatever the bids of that firm and Mr. Balfour, why creamery should be superior to at seven and one-fourth cents a pound. Mr. Balfour, because he agrees to finish the work in two months. The Massachusetts Company runs by waterpower, and has taken as long as seven never think that her butter making months to complete the contract, thus entailing a heavy additional expense for the pay of the counters and watch- butter maker of the country, and that men.-Philadelphia Cor. Chicago Her-

No Style, But the Boys Froze to Him. ies in the West he went slipping into man fooling about it. But the demand Chattanooga as quietly as though he of the times is that there shall be an had been under arrest. The morning farm butter. Make the best article and after his arrival I was one of a band of soldiers engaged in tumbling boxes of When it will not, consider whether it crackers into the wagons of a supply will not pay better to do something train. We did not like the work; we else with the cream .- Western Rural. were not taking much pains to place the boxes right in the wagon; we wanted to get them in and go. As I ports that during the early spring. dropped one box in a little recklessly a when twenty-two miles southwest of quiet, shrinking sort of a man, who Mobile Light, he encountered large had been roaming aimlessly about the masses of drift timber, and found the platform, said, with incisive firmness: water to be almost crimson. The color That won't do, men. Those crackers extended as far as the eye could reach. are going to men who are starving. All of the fish in his floating well were Every cracker is precious, and the killed shortly after entering the colored more boxes you get into that wagon water. In 1878 Mobile Bay experienced the more hungry men you will feed to- a similar discoloration, and quantities night." I looked up with the idea of of dead fish were found floating on the telling the speaker to go to blazes, water or were thrown up on the beach. when my eyes caught sight of two stars No satisfactory explanation of the on his shoulder. I then looked closely phenomena has been offered .- St. at the face and the figure, and I knew that I stood in the presence of General while the General stood there making to become popular among cigar-smoksuggestions and pointing out with his ers who wear false teeth. A Pittsburgh cane little changes that could be made lover of the weed absent-mindedly in arrangement. The clerk who was smoked the stump of a cigar too close superintending the loading of the to his celluloid teeth, and an explosion wagons was a more impressive figure, occurred which used up his mouth so as he strode in his autocratic way up and down the platform, than was the commander of the armies of the West, but I tell you the boys froze to Grant. -Chicago Inter-Ocean.

—An American scientist says the Merced, Cal., the workmen struck a ivory of Central Africa will give out in stream of water within three feet of ten or fifteen years.

CREAM.

How It Should Be Cared For to Secure the Best Results-Carelessness m Butter-There are times when the price for grain is so low that it does not pay to sell it. In some portions of the country it has been found more profitable to use corn for fuel than to send it to market. Last winter many fed their wheat to stock. But how very few ever think of doing anything with their cream, but to churn it, whatever the price of butter may be. We see it stated that in some sections farm butter sells only for seven cents a pound, and that it must be of the best quality. Now butter can not be made for seven cents a pound, and the man or woman who makes it for that is throwing away time. It would be better to throw the cream away, and go out to work by the day At very low wages more money could be made in this way than can be made by making butter at seven cents a pound. It would be better to feed the cream to your calves by far. But the question comes, can not a better price than this be realized for what we call good butter? Unquestionably that is the case in many instances. This seven cent rate is the country grocery store price—the place where pretty nearly all kinds of butter are brought and dumped into one tub. Anybody who really makes first-class butter, and is at all favorably situated for reaching a good market is very foolish to sell a pound of butter at the country store. The only condition of getting the best ruling prices for butter is that it shall be of the best quality; and there must be no uncertainty about this matter. We must rigidly subdue all our prejudices in favor of our own products, and measure their excellence and defects by the same standard by which we would measure other people's products. This may not be easy to do. but it is a necessity. Every butter-maker's aim should be make a good article. He should provide himself with the most approved implements and appliances to do this, and must not shun new methods simply because he has long been accustomed to old methods. Having succeeded in making a good article, then demand that whoever purchases it shall do so upon its merits. If the on the paper from the time it receives | country storekeeper wishes to do this sell it to him. If he does not, ship it

ard of butter as made on our farms needs lifting very much higher. We all understand this. Poor butter is turned out by the ton and is a curse all good butter. Unquestionably this is one great cause of the success of the by two cutting machines into sheets if they were known to be bogus butlic as pure butter, and, of course, the ignorant consumer accepts what appears to be good, sweet butter in preference act as examiners and counters, and six culty in seeing is inferior. The reasons that there is so much inferior butter made are numerous, and have frequently been stated by the Rural and Stockman. But perhaps there is no cause so prolific of the constant great flood of inferior butter as carelessness; and the payment of one price for all kinds of butter, good, bad and indifferent, by the country grocery store, is the cause of a great deal of this carelessness. Thousands of butter-makers take no thought of their milk, cream and butter, except ernment counters then count the to get something in the shape of butter and take it to the store. Ask them what their process of making butter is, and about all the answer they can make is that they churn the cream till the butter comes. They can tell you nothing about the improved processes, and are willfully ignorant of the science of the business. This can be changed only by convincing such

people that they are deliberately rob-

Perhaps there is another cause for

bing themselves.

to a central market, and there it will

bring the best price, if it is the best ar-

It is not to be denied that the stand-

carelessness on the part of the many makers of butter in the farm dairy. clatter by the creamery people for the inice soaked man, that many women any dairy. It ought not to be forgot-The contract was finally awarded to ten that the larger, much the larger, portion of our butter is made on our farms, and it always will be. The farmer's wife operations are ever to be talked or ridiculed out of existence. She is the being so, she ought to understand and prepare to take ner position in the front ranks of butter makers. We would rather eat butter made by a woman than by a man, at least by the average man. Butter is entirely too sensitive an article to think of having an average make it whenever it will pay to do so.

> -The captain of a fishing smack re-Louis Post.

-Celluloid may be a useful mater al for many purposes, badly that he will want to take nourishment through a tube for some time to come. - Pittsburgh Post.

-While digging holes for telegraph poles on the plains, seven miles from PITH AND POINT.

-Josh Billings: The man who gets bit twice by the same dog is better adapted to that kind of business than any other. -"It is impolite to talk to a man when he is reading." It is just as impolite to read to a man when he is

alking .- Philadelphia Call. -The American always imagines that unless he has charge of the universe some planet will shirk its duty and some constellation will go off on a picnic. -N. Y. Herald.

-A cynical bachelor of another city says woman is a good deal like the accordeon. You can draw her out, but she "makes music" if you attempt to shut her up .- Yonkers Statesman.

-"Uncle John," said Annabelle, 'you must congratulate me. I am graduated." "H'm!" grunted Uncle John; "so is our old thermometer out in the barn, but what is it good for?" -Old Mr. Ignoramus: "This new teacher ain't fit for bu-iness." School Commissioner: "What's the matter with him?" Old Mr. I.: "He can't spell worth a cent." "Can't spell!" No, can't even spell; he told my darter to-day that 'skeeters' was spelled with an 'm'!"-Golden Days.

-School Board ivisitor, while examining a scholar: "Where is the north pole?" "I don't know, sir." you? Are you not ashamed that you don't know where the north pole is?" "Why, sir, if Sir John Franklin, and Dr. Kane, and Captain Nares, and I know where it is?" - Buffalo Express.

feeling come over you?" asked the patent medicine manufacturer of a friend. who complained of not feeling well. "Oh. yes. often," replied the friend. "You should try a bottle of my curetired feeling?" "Every time I see birds. your advertisement on the fences."-V. F. Times.

-Litian Whiting says "sleep is alments in sleep on the part of American women. If Lilian were to dismiss her young man before 2 a. m. and object to his calling seven nights a week she would get more sleep and change her opinion about the luxury being a lost art .- Norristown Herald.

-The last echoing whack of the skate-strap died away, and the thrilling howl that followed it faltered out great deal sadder. "Do not come near Ann approached, her lips aquiver with sarcastic condolences. "I bear on my person the burden of royalty; the prince of wails is all over my back." bitter end; to both ends, in fact. - Bur-

AN EYE FOR COLOR.

The Colored Man Who Had a Notion to the Artistic Fitness of Things. Dan. W-, one of our best known different. and most fashionable scions of Afric's sunburnt race, entered Hill's livery stable, at the Seven Corners, on Monday evening. Some half dozen loungers were holding down the available chairs and occasionally giving vent to the re sults of their cogitations by word of

"Mistah Hill," said Dan, "I'se always been a good customah of dis heah stable, haint 1? Got all my rigs to' de las' two yeahs, I b'leve.' "Certainly, Dan," returned Mr. Hill

graciously. "Well, now, I tell you what I done want. Mistah Hill. I'se gwine ridin' wif my gal dis ebenin' an' I want jes' about de toniest rig you'se got in de

"All right, Dan." said Hill, "your and goes abroad at dusk when most desires shall be fulfilled to the letter. other birds are making ready to sleep. Sam, bring out the white mare and Bill, run out that red-geared side-bar rig there and see that there isn't a swallows them. The poor birds can go to the house and look in at the kitch-Tom, you get that yellow lap-robe wings are so covered with soft down his answer. with the brown dog's head on it, that he moves through the air without and that nice ivory-handled whip of any noise, and is clutching a poor little claim that nobody can make butter but | mine. You bet, Dan, we'll send you | bird in his cruel claws before it is awake | called a trivet-table. This is not often some smoke permeated and tobacco- out in such shape that your friends enough to know it is in trouble. This seen here, but is common in Scotland. on the Gold Coast wouldn't know is all very well for the owl at night, but It is a table which, when not in use,

you."

The spectators sat silently watching the preparations. while Dan stood policibing up his ching sile hat now and the many special states and special special states at table which, when hot in the day-time it is quite another matter. The spectators sat silently watching the day-time it is quite another matter. The spectators sat silently watching the day-time it is quite another matter. The spectators sat silently watching the day-time it is quite another matter. The spectators sat silently watching the day-time it is quite another matter. The spectators sat silently watching the day-time it is quite another matter. The spectators sat silently watching the day-time it is quite another matter. The spectators sat silently watching the day-time it is quite another matter. The spectators is a special s ishing up his shiny silk hat, now and then wise enough to try to keep well hidden the broth stood on the hearth, Hero casting an anxious eye at Hill. Finally lest the birds he eats by night should ran joyfully back to the field, and frisked everything was ready, and, with a catch him and have their revenge. For about, wagging his tail, and lapping hearty slap on Dan's back, Hill said: in some way the little fellows know the with his tongue. But if these signs of "There, old boy, just climb into that, owl can not see any better by daylight dinner were wanting, he walked slowly and you can bet your life that there than they can by night, and therefore back, with drooping ears and tail, and won't be another colored girl in St. when they catch him in the sunlight crept behind his master. This a true Paul that will go driving in any such style this week.

"Well, jes' hol' on a minnit, Mistah Hill, said Dan, rather dubiously, "I'se 'fraid dat won't scasely do fo' dis

must say," returned Hill. "Here I | thoughts of how he will worry his torswell you out with a rig that half of my white customers couldn't get, and you've got the gall to say it won't do. What do you mean by such talk, any-

wav?" "Now, jes' wait a secon', Mistah Hill, till I splains dis ting; p'raps I'se mistaken, ah' may be it's all right; but jes' tell me now, hones', ain't that

mare white?" "Why, of course she's white." "An' ain't dat buggy red?" "Certainly it's red."

"An' dat 'ere lap-robe, it's kinder yaller, ain,t it?" "Looks a little that way, I'll admit, said Hill. "Yes; an' de dog on de lap-robe he looks pretty brown, don't he, Mistah Hill, an' de whip's jes' a little green, ain't it. Mistah Hill?"

Why, of course; what of it?" "Well, it's jes' dis way, Mistah Hill, you see, I'se purty consid'ble black myself, an' my gal-well, she's what you might call a beautiful rich molasses color; an' I'se 'fraid, Mistah Hill, dat a red buggy, wif a yaller robe wif a brown dog on it, wif a green whip, all hitched to a white hoss, wouldn't exackly ha monize wif a black niggah an a molasses-kulled gal, Mistah Hill, an

it would mo' kinder ha'monize wif my ecstatic taste, Mistah Hill. Mr. Hill admitted his mistake, and the gentleman was provided with what he wished, and drove off amidst the applause of the spectators. Hill has determined to take up the study of color as applied to out-door decoration before proceeding any further with the livery business.—St. Paul Herald.

court a few days since that a Chinaman lived well, clothed himself and the surface. - San Francisco Chronicle. | maker at \$18 a month, without board. | inquiry, and have the following assur- | phia Times.

READING FOR THE YOUNG.

HAPPY AS A KING. "I'd like to know why I should frown," Sang sunny-hearted Joe. think of the birds—they never sigh; I think of the birds—they never say:
I look at the clear, unclouded sky;
I hark to the brook that ripples by,
And, happy as a king—
Oh, ho!—
I whistle and I sing.

"I'd like to know why I should mope,"
Sang sunny-hearted Joe.
"The flowers are smiling all day long:
The cricket chirps his merry song;
I try their plan when aught goes wrong,
And, happy as a king—
Oh, ho!—
I whistle and I sing.

I'd like to know why I should weep," Sang sunny-hearted Joe. The gloom est day will end at last; The rainiest weather soon be past; Whate er the troubles o'er me cast, Still, happy as a king-Oh. ho!-

I'll whistle and I'll sing." I know of some I'd like to see Take pattern after Joe.
Sighs, tears and frowns don't help to bear
The daily burden of our care. Wise Joe, the lot of life to share,

And, happy as a king, To whistle and to sing. -George Cooper, in Golden Days.

SOCIABLE BIRDS.

Odd Associations-The Fish-Hawk and the Blackbirds-The Owl and the Weavers.

There are all sorts of birds, just as there are all sorts of people. Not only big birds and little birds, but bad birds and good birds; birds that love to fight, Markham couldn't find it, how should like the saucy little English sparrows, and birds that love each other, and and when I entered she would jump - 'Do you ever have a dreadful tired cuddle together all the time, like the for joy and say: "How do you do, eling come over you?" asked the pat- Java sparrows: fierce birds and gentle love?" "Polly pretty well." Some-Java sparrows; fierce birds and gentle birds; birds that build beautiful houses, like the Baltimore orioles, and birds all. How often do you experience this in other birds' houses, like the cow-

Then, again, there are lonely birds, like the hawks and owls, and sociable birds, like blackbirds and weaver-birds. most a lost art," and suggests that a And speaking of lonely birds and socia-society be formed to encourage experi- ble birds makes me think of a curious ble birds makes me think of a curious case of a lonely bird and a lot of sociable birds which all lived together in a

most comfortable and happy way.

If ever you have seen a fish-hawk you know he is as wild-eved and savagebeaked a fellow as you would want to meet. I ought to say she is, for, as a fact, Mrs. Fish-hawk is both larger and fiercer than her husband. She builds her nest in the topmost branches of a in a tremulous sob as the boy emerged lonely, lofty tree as near to the soundfrom the woodshed, a little wiser and a Ing breakers as possible, and there brings up as hungry and noisy a family me," he said, haughtily, as his sister as can be found. The nest is a mighty structure, to begin with, but, as it is added to each year, it in time grows to be simply enormous. Then it is that the sociable, impudent blackbird comes But his sister Ann, with republican sim- along, and actually builds in the very plicity, thought that he had just been catching "hail Columbia." "No." the blackbird, mind you, but just as many boy said, bitterly, "it was a skate as can crowd into the huge mass of trap." He was monarchical to the sticks which makes the big bird's nest. And there they all live together, with their babies almost touching each other, and yet never quarreling. They never have anything to say to each other, it

Even more odd than this is the case of the owl and the weaver-birds. The weaver-birds are probably the most sociable of all the birds. They do not merely build their nests near each other, but put them side by side in great in the office, thinking about nothing, numbers, and then make a thatched roof to cover them all. It is hard to believe that such a beautiful little bird village can be the work of birds which have no other tools than their bills, but it is, and these little architects do not make any fuss about it either. The weaver-birds which build this sort of nest are called sociable weaver-birds, to distinguish them from other weaverbirds which build their nests separate

from each other.

If there is one bird more than another that most little birds positively hate, t is the owl. The owl sleeps all day, Then the owl's eyes are good, and he

they make him suffer for his misdeeds story .- Our Little Ones. done by moonlight. They cry out and call all the small birds of the neighborhood. Then they scold and scold and fly at him and peck at him, and all he can do is ruffle up his feathers and look "Well, here's gratitude for you, I wicked, or perhaps console himself with mentors when the horrid sunlight has faded away. The fact that the owl is so hated

any birds that will refrain from persecuting it when they have the opportunitv. A traveler tells of having seen a colony of weaver-birds which not only did not persecute an owl when the occasion offered, but went so far as to give it a home. That surely was a returning of good for evil. It seems that after the little weavers had completed their house they were one morning surprised to find a visitor asleep on their a jeweled ornament or a spray of natroof. It was as it you were to come ural flowers, and sometimes a handupon a tramp lying on your door-step. No doubt the first thought of the weavers was to give the intruder a very warm reception. There was a noisy consultation and a great deal of flying back and forth, but nothing was done to annoy the owl; and finally the little birds flew off to attend to the business of getting breakfast. Occasionally a little weaver would perch near the gloomy-looking visitor and chatter for a few moments, but that was the worst that happened, and the owl was seemingly so well pleased with the spot that day after day he returned to it. The came and went without paying any more attention to the owl than if he block of wood—John R. result was that at last the little birds so if you kin jes' kin'ly gimme de ole bay horse an' de black buggy, I specs Coryell, in Harper's Young People.

A REMARKABLE PARROTT.

A True Account of a Wonderfully Intelli-

gent Bird. The following account, says the New tion. A decorative collar is a straight York Observer, of an intelligent speak-band of velvet, edged on both sides ing bird, which seemed almost to have with a row of beads and tied at the side —It was proved in a San Francisco been endowed with reason, was sent to fastened slightly away from the front us by a lady, one of our subscribers' opening of corsage, with a buckle of saved money while working as a shoe- Since receiving it we have made further gold, silver, steel or of jet.—Philadel-

ance from the writer: "The account is strictly true. I have heard a great many wonderful things about 'Miss Polly,' but these came under my personal observation.

Last fall my colored cook asked me if she might have her parrot sent to her, and I rather unwillingly consented. One morning the village express wagon came to the door bringing "Miss Polly," who, to the great amusement of the driver, was talking very distinctly and sensibly. After dinner I went to the kitchen to see the new arrival and as soon as she saw me she said: "Hellos gal!" Now why that parrot did not say "good-bye" or any other words was a mystery to me, but on a longer acquaintance I found she used word, she considered suitable for the occasion. The next morning while taking breakfast I left the door open, as Polly was alone in the kitchen, and soon I heard a voice like a child's, singing these words, and to the right tune:

"In the cross, in the cross, Be my glory ever, Till my raptured soul shall find Rest beyond the river."

After a pause she said: "Sing, Polly," and then changed the tune and sang: "Oh think of the home over there," and then, I suppose thinking of breakfast, she said: "Polly want bread and butter," "Polly want tea,"

· Polly want potato.' After a little while I became very fond of Miss Polly, and she of me. When I went to the kitchen I would peep into the door, without saying a word, and after a severe look, Polly would call: "What are you doing? times if I was giving directions to my cook, Polly would chatter so fast that you could hear no one else, and if I that build no houses, but lay their eggs took a book in my hand she would make believe read in a continuous strain.

One of her great delights was to have. me open the cage and let her come out and crawl upon the top, when she would say: "Aha, Miss Polly!" and laugh loud and long. One day, when she was enjoying her freedom on the top of the cage, I put my head down on my hands and made believe cry aloud. Polly gave me just a look, then came quickly down and jumped in my lap and looked in my face. I thought perhaps this exhibition of feeling was accidental, but I tried the experiment another day when Polly was behind the cage, and she climbed directly over and came in my lap as before.

One day some very little kittens came to the house. I took one and stroked it, and Polly looked on for a moment, then came to the wires of her cage, put down her head and said: "Want to scratch Polly," in this way showing her jealousy of the kitten.

It was quite an amusement to the school-children to hear her say her letters. They would call to her if she was in the yard, and she would answer troublesome. If a child or a man ran quickly past the house she would call "Fire! Fire!" so loud that you could hear her a long distance off. She must is true, but that may be because the have heard people cry fire in the streets hawk and blackbird languages are so of Brooklyn, where she formerly lived. Always when I left her she would say: "Good-bye, love," or "Good-bye, dear." One day I said to her: "Polly, how nice it would be if you could live again in another world." I was startled to

hear her answer: "That's so." These are a few of the singularly appropriate remarks Miss Polly made, and I am sure you will agree with me that she is a very wise bird.

Is Dinner Ready?

Hero was a shepherd dog, owned on a large farm in Scotland. Some of the fields where the men worked were at a distance from the house.

Hero liked to go with the men and stay near them while they were at work. They would know by the shadows on the mountains when it was nearly noon. Sometime, when they were very hungry they told Hero to go put a gold-plated harness on her. can see little birds which can not see and see whether dinner was ready. Hero him, and down he pounces on them and knew well what this meant. He would speck of dust about it. Now, you not even hear him coming, for his en door. Then he would return with

How did he know, and how could he tell the men? The family used what is

RUCHINGS.

Method of Feminine Adornment Which

Does Not Lose Its Popularity. It was predicted that ruchings for neck and sleeve finishings would go out of style, but they are too becoming to decrease in popularity, especially with makes it so much more creditable to ladies whose neck and hands need the softening influences of the ruching; those with edge lines of gold or tinsel are worn, also the pretty ruchings of

With dressy toilettes, plaited ruches of pale pink, lilac, cream or blue silk crape are worn; they are usually fastened at one side with a bow of ribbon, some finish of rich lace falls below the plaiting.

The most distingue neck-finishings consist of double folds of crepe lisse, etamine, silk gauze and gold and silver tulle, canvas or muslin. These folds are made in white and cream, gold and silver, or gold with red, pink, blue or maroon silk gauze, arranged with it in alternating folds. Even velvet bands of black or dark colors are used, so that no white or any tint can show around the neck.

The band collar generally finishes the neck of high bodices, even when other decorative adjuncts are employed, and it is surprising to see how many fancies can be shown at the throat of a stylish dress. From a number of models may be selected a corsage finished with a shirred standing collar outside of a lace ruching. The next collar is of velvet, richly beaded and edged with bead pendants, and near this is a collar with a point in back and front on lower por-